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UNITED PRESS DISPATCHES.

CHINA SPEAKS

Through Prince Kung—Admits the War a Losing Game and Says Peace Will Come if Japan is at All Reasonable.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—A Central news dispatch from Peking says: That an interview was obtained with Prince Kung at the close of a meeting of the privy council in that city, his fellow councillors remaining and acquiescing in what prince said. Prince remarked that Japan had seized Korea, and made Korean troubles, a pretext for the war. Disputes, however could easily have been settled peacefully. He admitted China had faults. That the war had been managed unwisely, and that some of her officers were unfit and incompetent. He added: "China stands upon principle, and Japan upon power; she has sent envoys for the purpose of consulting with the representatives of Japan and agree to pay indemnity. If Japan meets her in a friendly spirit, conclusion of peace may be possible. If her demands are exorbitant, China will continue to fight."

A COAL COMBINE

One of the Gigantic Proportions Being Formed—Ohio in it—A Scheme for the Benefit of Many.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 27.—A great scheme to put the bituminous coal trade on a paying basis has been laid here by Pat McBryde, who stopped over on his way to Harrisburg, to attend that big meeting of the Cleveland and Pittsburgh operators, at which the Pittsburgh district was entirely organized. As soon as they can be got into line a meeting of the committee of the three organizations, Hocking valley, western Pennsylvania and western Ohio districts, will meet and arrange for the sole control of the different markets by the coal of the three above districts. A basis and a selling price for each market will also be established and agencies formed. The western Ohio districts are now the only things regarding the putting into practice of this gigantic scheme which has been under consideration so long and quietly.

The Hocking valley miners are also getting together and it is the intention to sell all the coal of the two Ohio valleys through the Hocking and the Sunday Creek companies of the valleys. The Hawkins and other Ohio districts are to be forming and it is given out that the intention is to have a committee from each organization to meet and deal on what coal will be put in a certain market and what the selling price for each market shall be. The Hocking valley people report that they lost \$50,000 alone last year in agents' salaries.

COAL TONNAGE

Ohio Traffic Association Seeking to Stop Rate Troubles.

COLUMBUS, Feb. 27.—The special meeting of the Ohio Coal Traffic association held in this city proved to be a conference of great importance to the coal carrying roads of Ohio, not only from the large number of high officials present, but from the nature of the business to transact. The advisability of dividing the business on a tonnage basis to prevent demoralization in rates was under consideration. Some progress was made today, but it was thought it would require subsequent meetings to harmonize all interests before a final agreement could be perfected. J. M. Ferris, general manager of the Ohio Central lines, acted as chairman, and A. D. Smith of Columbus, as secretary.

The representatives present were as follows: Baltimore & Ohio, C. S. Wright, general freight agent; E. T. Atlock, division freight agent; C. H. V. T. C. C. White, president; W. A. Mills, assistant to president; H. B. Dunham, general freight agent; Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling, M. D. Woodford, president; J. E. Terry, general freight agent; C. S. & E. W. E. Guerio, president; W. W. Daniel, general freight agent; T. O. C. J. M. Ferris, general manager; Hudson Fitch, general freight agent; Pennsylvania traffic manager; J. M. Stenberger, division freight manager; J. M. Stenberger, division freight agent; Wheeling & Lake Erie, A. G. Blair, general manager; W. H. Vance, general coal freight agent.

A MODEL YOUNG MAN

Miss Gould's Future Husband Said to be Way Above the Average European Nobleman—Points Out Their Courtship.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—A special cable from Paris to a New York paper says that the engagement of Boniface de Castellane to Miss Gould created the liveliest interests in Paris, and M. Lefebvre editor of the *Rappel* and Dix Neuveme Siecle has caused careful inquiry to be made by his reporters into the personal record of the prospective bridegroom. They find that the record of the young man is quite extraordinary for a fin de siecle nobleman, in that no female scandal has ever been connected with his name; that he is neither a gambler at the money circles of Paris nor at the race tracks, and that he has occupied his time with the manliest sports in place of the usual dissipations of his colleagues. He is a good shot, a good horseman and remarkably popular among his associates, although his rather feminine appearance has given him a familiar sobriquet among them of "Powder Puff."

The family is one of the three or four most esteemed of ancient regime, and his wife will certainly be assured, as accepted by his parents, of an immediate entree into the most exclusive circles of the Faubourg St. Germain. The statement printed in New York papers, however, that he first met Miss Gould in New York is incorrect. He made his address to her while she was under the chaperonage of Miss Fannie Reed, a sister of Mrs. Paron Stevens, in Paris.

When Prince Bonan de Perigord, son of the Princesse de Sagan, appeared as a suitor Cast-

lano retired. Miss Gould, as narrated in a dispatch cable on October 10, refused Prince Bonan and fled from Paris to London, where she joined her brother and was taken home by him. Castellane followed her to New York and the result is the marriage.

Warmer Weather.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—For Ohio: Showers, followed by fair weather in the interior; probably slightly warmer Thursday morning; southwesterly winds.

Prominent Chicagoan Dead.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 27.—George D. Boyden, one of the heaviest operators and best known members of the board of trade, died here last night after a short illness of quinsy.

A Bomb Exploded.

CATANIA, Sicily, Feb. 27.—A bomb was exploded in a hall in this city during the progress of the festival last evening. The explosion created a panic but fortunately no one was seriously hurt. The building was not damaged.

Halifax Afire.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 27.—A fire started at Deep Water terminus at 10 o'clock this morning. Long wharf together with a great quantity of goods are already burned. It is expected the grain elevators also go in which event be hard to say where fire will stop. The entire district is composed of wooden structures.

Postal Cards For Bismarck.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The German-Americans are not forgetful of the eightieth birthday of Prince Bismarck. Two million postal cards are to be mailed to Germany so as to reach there by April 1, the anniversary. The cards are printed in German, of which this is a translation: "In the German jubilee greeting and well wishes on your excellency's eightieth birthday, I join with pleasure and Great Honor." Then follows the signature of the sender.

Brynes to Control.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Superintendent Brynes is to be at the head of the police force. He will have almost unlimited power in the general discipline of the force—all transfers, assignments and details are to be made by him instead of by the police board.

The inspectorship will in future be an undesirable office, for the districts over which the inspectors hold sway are to be abolished, and the entire city will be under the control of the superintendent.

Want New States.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Delegate Joseph, of New Mexico, has had a conference with Senator Faulkner, chairman of the senate committee on territories, relative to the bill for the admission of that territory. He was assured by the senator that an effort would be made to get the bill up and that he hoped to succeed. Senator Faulkner still thinks it may be possible to get a day for the consideration of the New Mexico and Arizona bills, but says if an entire day cannot be obtained he will call up the bills in the intermissions afforded between conference reports on the appropriation bills.

A Telegraph War Ended.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—The United States circuit court of appeals today dismissed the appeal of the Western Union Telegraph Co., taken from the decision of Judge Ross, district judge for the southern district of California, in favor of the Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. Under the decision of Judge Ross the Postal company was given the right to build its lines on the right of way of the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad Co. in California. The Western Union claimed an exclusive right to maintain its telegraph lines on the right of way in question, but the dismissal of its appeal leaves Judge Ross' decision final.

Big Fire in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—At nine o'clock this morning fire was discovered on the top floor of the five-story brick at Congress and Jefferson streets, occupied by Charles Kaestner & Co. Four girls were hurt, one of them seriously. Property valued at \$205,000 was destroyed and six lines of street cars were tied up over three hours by the fire.

The girls hurt were employees of the Lancaster Caramel manufactory. Somebody shouted "fire" and a panic resulted.

The building of the Crane elevator company was saved with difficulty. Loss on this building amounts to fifteen thousand dollars. Others in Kaestner building who suffered were: Charles Kaestner Company, milling and engineering machinery; Worthington Pump Company; Andrews and Johnson, sheet iron workers; and Friedlander Brady & Company, knit goods. Aggregate losses of the three firms were \$250,000. All were fully insured.

ODDS AND ENDS.

A horse runs away and kicks. A mare will stand still to do the same. One grain of gold after leaving the goldbeater's hands will cover 50 square inches.

Up to 1888 San Francisco had had 417 distinct earthquake shocks and tremors in a period of 81 years.

In all the old Roman calendars Feb. 29, "leap day," was marked as an "unlucky day" or "critical period."

Queen Victoria's footmen wear wigs which have eight rows of curls, whereas those of the Prince of Wales are allowed seven rows, and those of the lord mayor of London are allowed six only.

To read the advertisements in the "News," one reads of the leading merchants of Canton.

FREE SILVER 6 TO 1.

The Plans of the Silver Men Are Now Being Rapidly Completed.

FREE SILVER A KEY NOTE.

The Declaration Being Prepared, and Democracy Will be Invited

To Join—Bland, Bryan, Sibley and Coffeen are Interviewing House and Senate Members to Get Their Views.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—For some time there has been a discussion carried on by the Democratic free silver leaders over the practicability of a plan to unite their forces and to crystallize their ideas into some sort of a platform or declaration with free silver coinage as a key-note. The net result has been the draft of a declaration addressed "to the Democrats of the United States," and outlining a financial policy for the Democratic party. This paper has been circulated on the Democratic side of the house and is being vigorously discussed with the object of obtaining the census of opinion of silver Democrats upon its expressions. The chief instigators of the movement are Messrs. Bland (Missouri), Bryan (Nebraska), Sibley (Pennsylvania) and Coffeen (Wyoming). Their paper is at present but a tentative expression, they say, and not yet in form for publication, since none of its details have been definitely agreed upon.

In substance it states the financial policy of the party to be for the free coinage of gold and silver on terms of equality at the ratio of 16 to 1, for the issue of all paper money by the government without the intervention of banks and opposition to any issue of interest-bearing bonds without the authority of a special act of congress. Attention is called to a movement said to be under way through the efforts of the opponents of free silver in the party to secure the election of gold men as delegates to party conventions and particularly to the next national convention for the nomination of a single gold standard man for the presidency. Democrats are urged to oppose the movement and to see to it that none but free silver men are elected to positions of influence in the party and to represent them in all conventions.

If the support of a majority of the party in congress can be pledged to a financial platform, it is intended to issue the manifesto to the Democrats of the United States within a few days. At present the declaration is in but a formative state, Mr. Bryan says, and it is intended to secure the views of members and make such changes in it as the majority of them may dictate. There is a possibility that they may not be able to agree upon any form of address, because considerable diversity of opinion has developed upon the details of the statement.

But few eastern members have been approached, and the Populists are entirely ignored, except the exception that they will come into the Democratic party if it declares for free silver. How far this canvass has been inspired by the meeting of the executive committee of the Bimetallic league it is impossible to say, for while the prime movers say that their plan is entirely independent of the league, it is noticed that they are men who have been admitted to the councils of that body during its sessions.

Representative Davis of Kansas, who is a prominent Populist, says that the more conservative third party men could adopt a platform for a national currency of gold, silver and greenbacks with the single additional plank of government control of public works.

Most of the Democrats who have been presented with the first draft of the manifesto are more or less reluctant to discuss the movement, because secrecy has been enjoined upon them, and a definite agreement shall have been cemented.

Mr. Bryan also made an incomplete canvass of the silver Democrats in the senate. He did not present any preliminary declaration, but he thought it would be wise to make, but merely submitted to them the question of the advisability of such a movement, and suggested among other things that a joint meeting of the silver Democrats of the two houses be held before adjournment for the consideration of the matter. It is understood, that while many of the Democratic senators expressed interest in the question, and stated that it struck them favorably upon first thought, they should prefer to have time to think it over in all its bearings before finally committing themselves to the project.

NEW ORLEANS CARNIVAL.

The Display has been Magnificent, and the Crowds

Larger than for Many Years—An Unusual Large Number of Prominent Men Present.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 27.—New Orleans has had a magnificent crowd and a magnificent carnival. The second Rex parade devoted \$20,000 to the decoration of the floats to the illustration of fantastic fairy tales. At night the Mystic Krewe of Comus gave another of their gorgeous parades. The balls at night were especially brilliant. The attendance was the largest and the most distinguished in years, including Governor Jackson of Iowa, ex-Governor Hoelt of Wisconsin, ex-Governor Davis of Rhode Island, ex-Governor Hubbard of Texas, Senator Stephen B. Elkins, Henry B. Plant and the heads of a dozen railroad systems, besides a number of excursions on their way to and from Mexico and California.

Guaranteed Cure.

We authorize our advertised druggists to sell Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, upon this condition. If you are afflicted with a cough, cold or any lung, throat or chest trouble, and will use this remedy as directed, giving it a fair trial, and experience no benefit, you may return the bottle and have your money refunded. We could not make this offer did we not know that Dr. King's New Discovery could be relied on. It never disappoints. Trial bottles free at Durlin, Wright & Co., druggists.

AN IRON CYLINDER

Lets go at Philadelphia and Two Men Are Dead.

The Annex in Which the Cylinder Was Located Was Wrecked—No Cause Assigned for the Explosion.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 27.—One person was instantly killed and another seriously injured that he died after being admitted to the hospital, by the explosion of an iron cylinder, charged with carbonic acid gas, at the chemical laboratory of Smith, Kline, French & Co., 307 Cherry street. The dead are: Frank Robinson, aged 35 years, of Camden, and Frank Duffey, aged 24 years, of Fourth street and Columbia avenue. The explosion occurred in an annex of the main building, Duffey and Robinson being the only persons in the room at the time. Robinson had a large hole torn in his forehead and was badly bruised, while Duffey had one side of his face blown away and was crushed by falling bricks. Foreman J. W. Landis stated that the cylinder was registered to carry 400 pounds of gas, but at no time was it ever charged higher than 250 pounds. He could give no reason for the explosion. The annex was completely wrecked.

AT WASHINGTON.

The Senate Passes the Amendment for the Sugar Bounty.

What the House Attended to—Grant Statue for the Capitol—Gold on the Bond Issue.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The senate has given another day to the sundry civil appropriation bill without completing it and without taking up the vital points concerning financial legislation. The important feature of the day was a short, sharp and decisive contest on the sugar bounty question, resulting in the success of those advocating the payment of the bounty prematurely cut off by the enactment of the tariff law. The proposed bounty aggregates \$3,200,000, as stated in the amendments adopted, but Mr. Mitchell gave it as his belief that it would reach \$5,000,000. A point of order was made against the amendment, but the senate voted it in order—46 to 13. After that the success of the bounty proposition was assured, although efforts were made to load it down with free silver amendments and other propositions. In the course of the debate, Mr. Gorman warned the senate that this bounty proposition would add to existing deficiencies, which, he said, would reach \$60,000,000 for the present year. The final votes on the bounty proposition showed the free silver men in the amendment very strong and they carried the amendment easily.

Mr. Frye (Me.) succeeded in carrying an important amendment providing for a retired list for the revenue marine service, in order to retire many aged officers, who have done good service, and who now stand in the way of promotion.

Mr. Gorman (Md.) and Mr. Berry (Ark.) had a brief exchange of personalities over timber lands. Mr. Gorman was denounced by Mr. Berry as a political favorite. Mr. Wolcott also made a severe arraignment of timber interests.

The House Session.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Most of the session of the house was occupied in the consideration and passage of the bill providing for a board of conciliation and arbitration, to mediate and settle differences between common carriers and their employees. The bill was also passed to provide for the publication of the bulletins of the department of labor, and also one to aid the Baltimore exposition, to be held in 1897.

A Grant Statue For the Capitol.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Another statue will soon be added to the group now in Statuary hall at the Capitol. It is that of General Ulysses S. Grant and will represent him as a general, at the close of the war in his dress as general of the army. The statue is the work of Franklin Simmons and was executed under the direction of a committee of the national encampment of the G. A. R. in pursuance of a resolution of congress approved Aug. 14, 1890, accepting the same.

Gold on the Bond Issue.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Gold coin has been received by the government on bond issue as follows: New York, \$21,711,828; Baltimore, \$104,404; Philadelphia, \$104,404; Boston, \$26,967; Chicago, \$50,755; San Francisco, \$1,450,000; treasury banks, \$12,848,550. Total, \$36,908,121.

Corbett Says Brady Talks Too Much.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 27.—Champion Jim Corbett, in an interview here, said that he was not at all surprised that Brady was talking too much. "I see," he continued, "that he says I can down Fitzsimmons in three rounds. Now, to be candid, I don't believe I can do that. I may defeat him in 30 rounds or less, but I don't expect to be quoted as saying I can knock him out in three rounds. Fitzsimmons has put up his third deposit of \$2,500. Brady says it makes no difference. I say it does. I want Fitzsimmons to pay up every dollar he agreed to."

Brooklyn Hall Tower Burned.

BROOKLYN, Feb. 27.—The tower on City hall, one of the oldest landmarks in the city of Brooklyn, has been destroyed by fire and the remaining portion of the building damaged, principally by water. The fire is thought to have been caused by a spark transmitted from some one of the electric wires which pass through the building. The total loss is estimated to be \$50,000.

Died in a Theater.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Feb. 27.—Mrs. William Dork of this town died in the opera-house while awaiting the raising of the curtain before the first act. She was immediately removed to her home. Her death is attributed to heart failure. Her husband caught her in his arms when she was stricken.

Had Assaulted a Policeman.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—William McCarthy of Philadelphia was assaulted by Patrolman Foster of the Fourteenth district police in that city in under arrest here, held to wait requisition papers.

Go to Cleveland Feb. 28th, via C. & S. railroad.

MARTIAL LAW

Has Been Declared in Cuba, and the Spanish Soldiers are Watching to

PREVENT AN UPRISING.

Slight Outbreaks are Expected—Three Cuban Patriots are Arrested

And a Small Quantity of Arms Seized—The Rebellion Said to Have Been Hatched in New York.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.

HAVANA, Cuba, Feb. 27.—Martial law has been declared here and the police and Spanish garrisons throughout the island are on the alert to prevent an uprising. Slight outbreaks have already occurred at Cienfuegos and Matanzas. At the latter place three Cuban patriots have been arrested and a small quantity of arms seized. The coast guards on land and gunboats by sea are patrolling the coasts to prevent the landing of filibusters from Florida, Honduras or Costa Rica. Spies in Tampa and Key West have reported unusual activity among refugees and have forwarded some information of a general conspiracy afoot. The government seems to fear an insurrection and to be taking extreme measures to stamp it out.

A Key West special says: Several thousand Cubans are permanent residents of this city and nearly all of them are monthly subscribers to the revolutionary fund. This fund, the accumulation of years and contributed to from across America, is supposed to amount to several millions of dollars. For weeks and months patriots here have expected that a blow would be struck and the Revolutionary flag raised again in Cuba. News from Havana has been disseminated swiftly and is being excitedly discussed in the places of Cuban resort.

A New York special says: The outbreak in Cuba is said to have been hatched in New York.

Jose Marti, twice banished from Cuban soil because of his hate of Spanish domination, and General Maximo Gomez, who commanded the eastern wing of the Cuban rebels in the revolution of 1895, left New York two weeks ago. Their arrival in Cuba was to be the signal for the uprising. Marti was the head of the provisional government if the revolutionists are successful. General Gomez is the commander-in-chief of the revolutionary forces.

The insurgent forces in Matanzas, near Ybarra, where one wing of the patriot party raised its standard, are under command of Major General Julio Sangnily. This point is about 60 miles east of Havana on the west end of the island.

The scene of the other uprising, Guanatanamo, on the west end of the island, and the fact that these widely separated places are given prominence is accepted by Cubans in New York to mean that the uprising extends throughout the island, and that the Spanish authorities are attempting to belittle its extent.

THAT FRENCH EMBARGO.

Nelson Morris, a Prominent Cattle and Beef Exporter,

Talks on the Matter—He Says it Means a Big Loss to Packers, and Denies that Any Improper Cattle Have Been Shipped Abroad.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Nelson Morris, who controls the largest part of the export trade in cattle and beef products from this city, who was interviewed regarding the French embargo on our cattle, said: "Three months ago I had a proposition from the French minister of agriculture offering to continue to receive our cattle if the United States would take off the differential duty on sugar. I was asked to bring this before the government here. I went myself to Washington and had Mr. Duns there for some time, but the government paid no attention whatever. The agreement I had with the French government was to expire March 1. I see they have already reneged in view of the impossibility of accomplishing anything more."

"There is no truth whatever in any of this talk about improper condition of the cattle shipped. There has not been one animal rejected in three years by any foreign country on the ground of ill-health—not since 1892, when the Rusk agreement went into effect. France has never even questioned any of our cattle up to six weeks ago, when it refused one small shipment of Texas cattle on the false pretense of Texas fever. Not since 1892 has it rejected a pork product. The prohibitions now maintained do not include canned goods, but wares are being sent to keep these out also. We shipped \$18,000,000 worth of cattle and products to France alone last year, and this great trade is absolutely destroyed by the order of the French government."

A Schooner and Liquor Seized.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Feb. 27.—The police department has seized the schooner Carolina, Captain Jervey, from Savannah, loaded with 28 barrels of fine whiskeys, contraband under the dispensary law, consigned to parties in Charleston. The captain and crew were arrested and the schooner confiscated. The value of the liquor seized is \$3,000.

Actress Jane Start Married.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Miss Jane Stuart, the actress and daughter of Maurice F. Holahan, has been privately married to General Louis Auer of Milwaukee at the bride's home, 137 East Fifty-fifth street. In a few days the newly married couple will start for a tour of several weeks in Europe.

Emperors at the Funeral.

VIENNA, Feb. 27.—Emperor Francis Joseph, Emperor William of the Danube, Austria, nephew of the King of Italy, Prince George of Saxony, Grand Duke Vladimir of Russia and various foreign princes were present at the church of the Hofburg, at the funeral of the late Field Marshal Albrecht of Austria.

CAN PLEAD IGNORANCE.

A New Dodge for the Sellers of adulterated Food.

A Judge at Marietta Renders a Decision that Dealers Can Plead Ignorance of Their Goods.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.

MARIETTA, O., Feb. 27.—State Food Commissioner McNeal has been for several weeks conducting a series of prosecutions here against various retail dealers in Marietta and country surrounding for the sale of numerous articles of food. All the defendants pleaded ignorance of the fact that food was not pure, but were uniformly overruled, the justice of the peace deciding that it made no difference whether they knew of it or not.

AN ADDITIONAL DIVIDEND.

In the Foster Assignment, Paid by Assignee Gormley.

Dispatches from Many Ohio Points—The Dalton Fire—Elyria's Mayor Indicted—Springfield Men Will Work Gold Mines.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.

Tiffin, O., Feb. 27.—Assignee James B. Gormley of the Dalton fire assignment has now paid 50 per cent, having declared an additional dividend of 10 per cent. The affairs of the Davis & Foster assignment are now about cleared up, that is to say the declaring of dividends, and the creditors will be compelled to be satisfied with what they have received. It is possible that 1 per cent more may be realized from desperate claims, but that would greatly affect the result. William Harkness of Bellevue, who purchased \$170,000 of the Davis & Foster claims for 50 cents on the dollar, will come out the little end of the horn, when the interest on the investment is considered.

Property of the Church.

Tiffin, O., Feb. 27.—Some time ago Martin Decker, Joseph Miln and others, trustees of St. John's German Lutheran church, brought suit in the common pleas court against W. W. Scholbly to recover some property which they claimed Scholbly had utilized in building his house and which belonged to the church. Judge Scholbly has ordered Sheriff Van Heest to say of 30 1/2 inches from the bay window of the residence of W. W. Scholbly on Jefferson street, which the court considers belongs to the church.

Prevented a Disastrous Fire.

DALTON, O., Feb. 27.—The timely arrival of fire engines from Massillon and Wooster and their effective work prevented what promised at first to be a most disastrous blaze. The Schultz carriage works were entirely destroyed and the Presbyterian church and one or two small adjoining buildings badly damaged. The loss on the carriage works is about \$8,000, with \$2,500 insurance. The loss on the church will not be heavy.

Walks on Hands and Knees.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 27.—John H. Sloan, a South Carolina moonshiner and counterfeiter, has been released from the penitentiary after serving a two-year sentence. Sloan is so badly crippled that he is compelled to walk on "all fours," having wooden pegs strapped to each knee and carrying blocks in his hands. He is bright mentally and is considering offers from museum managers to pose as a freak.

Elyria's Mayor Indicted.

ELYRIA, O., Feb. 27.—Mayor George Wickens has been indicted by the grand jury here, charged with using improper language in the presence of a female. Miss Mida Pershing, the complainant, is a young lady residing in the city of Wickens, who conducts a store. She alleges that he made improper advances while they were alone in the store and used the language complained of.

Incorporated in Ohio.

COLUMBUS, Feb. 27.—The following articles of incorporation were filed in the office of the secretary of state: Cleveland Clockmakers' association; Brooklyn Frauen Unter Stuetzung Verein; N. J. Cleveland and Cleveland Steel Canals company; Rockport, capital stock \$175,000; Master Bricklayers' association, Dayton.

Will Work Gold Mines.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Feb. 27.—Ex-Mayor Kelley, J. D. Lisk and a millionaire manufacturer of this city are organizing a syndicate to work gold mines near Charlotte, N. C. They were abandoned during the war, after the finding there of the largest nugget known.

The Ice Breaking Up.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 27.—The river flows on uninterruptedly full of heavy ice and is now reported free from gorges from Wheeling to Louisville. Rivermen are confident that a steamer can start to Louisville today, and perhaps one may try to go up stream.

A Temperance Bill Passed.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 27.—The Nicholson temperance bill has passed the house of representatives by a vote of 75 to 20. It provides for local option in this way: That a majority petition against a saloon in a certain community will prevent one being established there for two years. It provides against music in saloons and a saloon cannot be run in connection with any other business, a direct blow at the restaurant and bar business. It also does away with "screws," and all saloons must be operated on the first floor, a provision to knock out wineromies.

Election Indictments.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 27.—Twenty-one indictments for election frauds perpetrated during the fall election have been returned by the special grand jury which, since late in January, has been investigating charges of corruption made during the past few months. Of the offenders Justice of the Peace Owen W. Krueger, against whom there are two indictments, is the most important and best known. He is charged with being an accomplice in ballot box stuffing and other crookedness.

MORE RIOTING FEARED.

Slattery and His Wife are Booked to Lecture Again Tonight, and